

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) connection between a client terminal and a server includes a client-side connection and a server-side connection. Different techniques are used to extend the persistence of the HTTP connection. These techniques include keeping the server-side connection persistent if the client terminal sends a RESET to the server, keeping the server-side connection persistent but closing the client-side connection if the client terminal sends a RESET or a FIN packet to the server, rewriting a "Connection: Close" header in a request to a "Connection: Keep-Alive," inserting a "Connection: Keep-Alive" in a header of a request, modifying a "Connection: Close" header in a request, and changing the HTTP version value in a request.

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